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SUBJECT: FINNISH OFFICIAL REPORTEDLY A SOVIET SPY

REF: HELSINKI 2301

1. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, THE TRIAL OF CUSTOMS OFFICIAL OLAVI PIHLMAN (REFTEL) OPENED NOVEMBER 3 IN THE HELSINKI COURT OF APPEALS, WHICH TRIES TREASON AND ESPIONAGE CASES. PIHLMAN'S ATTORNEY REPORTEDLY DENIED THE CHARGES AGAINST HIS CLIENT AND ASKED FOR A PUBLIC TRIAL. HOWEVER, THE TRIAL REMAINS SECRET AND THE PRESS REPORTED THAT THE VERDICT, EXPECTED AT THE NEXT SESSION ON NOVEMBER 17, WILL ALSO BE KEPT SECRET.

2. HOLDING OF THE TRIAL SEEMS TO HAVE HAD THE EFFECT OF ENDING PRESS ATTENTION TO THE CASE, AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING.

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